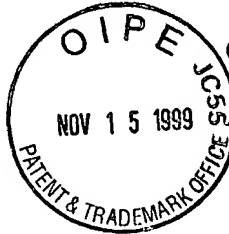


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE RECEIVED**

Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312, Applicants respectfully request the entrance of the <sup>Publishing Division</sup> ~~the~~ <sub>14</sub>

following amendments to the Claims and Drawings.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 9, line 9, delete "provding" and insert --providing--.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Red-line drawings are attached with the following amendments:

Per the Examiner's Amendment in the Notice of Allowance, Figs. 1a-1c have been labeled as prior art.

The following drawings have also been relabeled to discriminate between a top and side view:

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